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**ADVISORY**

**SCDEW Releases County-level Unemployment Data for February**

**COLUMBIA...**The SC Department of Employment and Workforce today released the state's county-level unemployment data for February.

Lexington County continues to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 7.6 percent while Marion County's rate of 20.2 percent is the highest. Marion County's February rate dropped from the 21 percent January rate. Lexington County's current rate went up slightly from the 7.3 January rate.

Because of a minor software change by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, county figures were not available when the state February unemployment rate was released earlier in the month. Complete county-level data can be found at [http://www.dew.sc.gov/documents/lmi-monthly-trends/February\\_2011\\_County\\_and\\_WIA\\_data.pdf](http://www.dew.sc.gov/documents/lmi-monthly-trends/February_2011_County_and_WIA_data.pdf)

March unemployment data will be released April 19.

*(Note: Data is attached to this release.)*

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT**  
February - 2011

Industry	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010	Net Change From	
				Month Ago	Year Ago
<b>Total Nonag. Employment</b>	<b>1,794,700</b>	<b>1,772,200</b>	<b>1,770,500</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>24,200</b>
Natural Resources and Mining	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	100
Construction	75,500	73,000	77,100	2,500	-1,600
Manufacturing	210,200	209,300	206,000	900	4,200
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	343,200	340,600	336,900	2,600	6,300
Information	25,600	25,500	26,300	100	-700
Financial Activities	97,500	96,800	96,600	700	900
Professional and Business Services	221,900	217,400	201,900	4,500	20,000
Educational and Health Services	217,700	213,700	211,600	4,000	6,100
Leisure and Hospitality	194,900	190,300	192,700	4,600	2,200
Government	337,300	335,100	349,700	2,200	-12,400

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RANKED BY COUNTY**

Rank	County	Unemployment Rate		
		February 2011	January 2011	% Change
1	Marion	20.2	21	-0.8
2	Allendale	17.5	17.6	-0.1
3	Marlboro	17.4	18.7	-1.3
4	Union	16.7	17.6	-0.9
5	Chester	16.6	17.9	-1.3
6	McCormick	15.6	16	-0.4
7	Clarendon	15.1	15.1	0
8	Barnwell	15	15.7	-0.7
	Dillon	15	15.6	-0.6
10	Bamberg	14.3	14.7	-0.4
	Lancaster	14.3	15.4	-1.1
12	Orangeburg	14.2	14.8	-0.6
13	Hampton	14.1	13.8	0.3
14	Williamsburg	14	14.1	-0.1
15	York County	13.9	16	-2.1
16	Lee County	13.4	13.8	-0.4
17	Cherokee	13.3	14.1	-0.8
	Fairfield	13.3	14	-0.7
19	Chesterfield	13.2	14.7	-1.5
20	Colleton	12.9	12.9	0
	Horry	12.9	13.3	-0.4
22	Abbeville	12.6	12.1	0.5
23	Georgetown	12	12.1	-0.1
24	Greenwood	11.5	11.5	0
25	Darlington	11.2	11.6	-0.4
	Sumter	11.1	10.9	0.2
27	Florence	11	11	0
	Laurens	10.8	10.5	0.3
29	Calhoun	10.6	11	-0.4
30	Newberry	10.4	10.6	-0.2
	Oconee	10.4	10.7	-0.3
32	Spartanburg	10.1	10.4	-0.3
33	Anderson	10	10.1	-0.1
34	Jasper	9.6	9.5	0.1
	Kershaw	9.6	9.5	0.1
36	Saluda	9.3	9.2	0.1
37	Berkeley	9.2	8.9	0.3
38	Pickens	8.7	9	-0.3
	Richland	8.7	8.3	0.4
40	Edgefield	8.6	8.8	-0.2
41	Dorchester	8.5	8.2	0.3
42	Beaufort	8.4	8.1	0.3
43	Charleston	8.2	8	0.2
	Greenville	8.2	8.1	0.1
45	Aiken	8.1	8.4	-0.3
46	Lexington	7.6	7.3	0.3

**LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY LABOR MARKET AREA**

AREA:	February 2011								
	LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			% OF LABOR FORCE		
	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010
ABBEVILLE	10,728	10,570	11,231	1,348	1,283	1,719	12.6	12.1	15.3
AIKEN	76,086	76,590	77,498	6,182	6,419	7,256	8.1	8.4	9.4
ALLENDALE	3,189	3,185	3,386	559	561	720	17.5	17.6	21.3
ANDERSON MSA	85,602	85,586	85,928	8,519	8,672	11,540	10.0	10.1	13.4
BAMBERG	6,167	6,138	6,516	883	905	1,080	14.3	14.7	16.6
BARNWELL	8,399	8,401	8,933	1,264	1,321	1,748	15.0	15.7	19.6
BEAUFORT	63,768	62,688	60,741	5,365	5,054	6,089	8.4	8.1	10.0
BERKELEY	80,301	80,135	80,250	7,399	7,122	8,604	9.2	8.9	10.7
CALHOUN	6,585	6,620	6,766	698	730	855	10.6	11.0	12.6
CHARLESTON	174,167	174,093	174,268	14,268	13,950	17,125	8.2	8.0	9.8
CHEROKEE	24,113	24,064	25,296	3,213	3,386	3,953	13.3	14.1	15.6
CHESTER	14,340	14,512	15,278	2,376	2,602	3,152	16.6	17.9	20.6
CHESTERFIELD	18,055	18,266	18,934	2,378	2,677	3,146	13.2	14.7	16.6
CLARENDON	12,643	12,616	12,698	1,906	1,904	2,036	15.1	15.1	16.0
COLLETON	17,156	17,034	16,899	2,217	2,200	2,455	12.9	12.9	14.5
DARLINGTON	30,470	30,598	31,093	3,423	3,549	4,077	11.2	11.6	13.1
DILLON	13,324	13,342	13,619	1,992	2,084	2,312	15.0	15.6	17.0
DORCHESTER	63,761	63,634	63,708	5,406	5,190	6,358	8.5	8.2	10.0
EDGEFIELD	11,010	11,075	11,357	945	971	1,243	8.6	8.8	10.9
FAIRFIELD	10,800	10,898	10,911	1,432	1,526	1,506	13.3	14.0	13.8
FLORENCE	63,596	63,575	64,412	7,017	6,993	7,897	11.0	11.0	12.3
GEORGETOWN	29,732	29,494	29,320	3,582	3,579	4,320	12.0	12.1	14.7
GREENVILLE	222,812	221,068	224,078	18,246	17,914	23,143	8.2	8.1	10.3
GREENWOOD	29,813	29,375	30,783	3,439	3,382	4,109	11.5	11.5	13.3
HAMPTON	7,782	7,699	7,907	1,095	1,062	1,234	14.1	13.8	15.6
HORRY/MYR BCH MSA	128,152	127,944	125,955	16,552	16,998	18,575	12.9	13.3	14.7
JASPER	10,190	10,040	9,719	978	949	1,099	9.6	9.5	11.3
KERSHAW	29,466	29,466	30,024	2,822	2,808	3,273	9.6	9.5	10.9
LANCASTER	29,623	29,817	30,763	4,222	4,594	5,373	14.3	15.4	17.5
LAURENS	32,217	31,887	32,179	3,475	3,343	3,947	10.8	10.5	12.3
LEE	8,070	8,127	8,335	1,081	1,121	1,242	13.4	13.8	14.9
LEXINGTON	132,013	131,638	134,134	10,034	9,595	11,665	7.6	7.3	8.7
MARION	12,169	12,234	12,669	2,464	2,572	2,877	20.2	21.0	22.7
MARLBORO	11,291	11,435	11,860	1,964	2,137	2,416	17.4	18.7	20.4
McCORMICK	3,275	3,261	3,417	511	523	621	15.6	16.0	18.2
NEWBERRY	17,788	17,734	18,629	1,852	1,875	2,148	10.4	10.6	11.5
OCONEE	30,360	30,136	31,201	3,168	3,223	4,242	10.4	10.7	13.6
ORANGEBURG	39,320	39,208	41,290	5,583	5,808	6,561	14.2	14.8	15.9
PICKENS	56,739	56,552	57,220	4,920	5,090	6,320	8.7	9.0	11.0
RICHLAND	178,264	177,689	181,498	15,462	14,802	18,043	8.7	8.3	9.9
SALUDA	8,917	8,917	9,026	826	821	902	9.3	9.2	10.0
SPARTANBURG MSA	134,902	135,076	135,556	13,670	14,000	16,983	10.1	10.4	12.5
SUMTER MSA	44,923	45,037	45,421	4,978	4,911	5,739	11.1	10.9	12.6
UNION	11,091	11,125	11,679	1,849	1,955	2,402	16.7	17.6	20.6
WILLIAMSBURG	15,616	15,568	15,791	2,186	2,199	2,703	14.0	14.1	17.1
YORK	112,959	116,101	113,394	15,710	18,626	16,694	13.9	16.0	14.7
<b>Multi County MSAs</b>									
CHAS MSA	318,230	317,862	318,226	27,073	26,261	32,087	8.5	8.3	10.1
COLA MSA	366,047	365,228	372,359	31,275	30,282	36,244	8.5	8.3	9.7
FLORENCE MSA	94,066	94,173	95,505	10,440	10,542	11,974	11.1	11.2	12.5
GRNV MSA	311,769	309,506	313,476	26,641	26,346	33,410	8.5	8.5	10.7
<b>South Carolina*</b>	<b>2,154.4</b>	<b>2,159.0</b>	<b>2,169.4</b>	<b>218.9</b>	<b>227.3</b>	<b>252.0</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.6</b>

2010 Substate Benchmark Estimates To Be Updated April 19th, 2011

\* Seasonally Adjusted

County not seasonally adjusted